

DDS North Region Regional Advisory Council

November 28, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Kathleen Tetreault (Vice Chair); Collette Langner; Ron Langner; Tammy Selinger; Elisa Velardo, DDS North Regional Director

Guests: Pat Stavola; Goviana Morales; Lori Gaglione; Alice Evans; Tammy Venenga (DDS)

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

- Waitlist/MIR Data Report – Tammy Venenga
 - Tammy Venenga (DDS-CO) was invited to attend tonight to present information regarding the Waitlist and MIR data. Each region will have a presentation regarding Waitlist definitions and the MIR report to comply with SB246.
 - Tammy explained that the Waitlist no longer will use the P-1, P-2, and P-3 categories. It now identifies individuals as “Urgent” meaning needing something within one year, or “Future Needs” which is two or more years out. The needs are identified through the Support Survey which was done for everyone with an active IP. If something has been requested, it is brought to the Regional PRAT.
 - There is now a Waitlist and a Planning List. (Tammy provided a handout with definitions)
 - The Waitlist are Emergencies (E’s) and Urgent needs.
 - The Planning List includes people with no services or those that are under-served and will require services further out than one year.
 - Anyone identified as Urgent is also being considered for specific initiatives such as the Elder Caregiver or CCH initiatives.
 - MIR Report Data can be accessed on the DDS Website at <https://portal.ct.gov/DDS/Media/Publications/MIR-Management-Information-Reports>
- Regional Director’s Update:
 - Elisa Velardo shared that Commissioner Scheff hosted family forums across the state that were really well attended. He asked families what they hoped to get from the forums, and topics ranged for each location. There were very good discussions with families at each of the forums. Another will be held at the Willimantic Office (90 South Park St.) on Monday, 12/17/18.
 - IFS Teams – have been working with the Family Support division to enhance our Family Support Workers. We are looking to build on services for people who have a family member at home that may need some assistance but have no annualized funding. Services provided can be grants, respite, camp, transportation to medical appointments, etc. We are currently in the process of hiring additional Family Support Workers; hoping to have them in place by January.
 - Step-down Unit – The Unit is in the planning process for individuals to move from a controlled environment, such as a hospital or psychiatric facility. There will be a set timeframe for the length of stay (up to 90 days). It will be located at the Hartford Regional Center in Newington and will have its own staff. It will not affect other residences at HRC.

- Presentation – CTFSN
 - Pat Stavola and Goviana Morales provided information and shared a presentation regarding the CTFSN organization and what they do. Information was shared on areas that service is provided and how they connect with families (handout of the presentation was provided).
- Next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2019 at 5:00 pm. (no meeting held in December)
- Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Neumann

Executive Secretary